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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please Cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims.

21. (New) An immunogenic composition comprising a viral antigen and ribavirin for co-administration thereof, wherein said viral antigen is a nucleic acid.

22. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen encodes a hepatitis antigen.

23. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 22, wherein said hepatitis antigen is a hepatitis C viral antigen.

24. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 23, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS3.

25. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 22, wherein said hepatitis C viral antigen comprises NS4A.

26. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID. NO. 17.

27. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said viral antigen comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID. NO. 1.

28. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 16.

29. (New) The immunogenic composition of Claim 21, wherein said nucleic acid comprises the sequence of SEQ. ID NO. 13.

30. (New) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a viral antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

31. (New) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis antigen; and

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combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

32. (New) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

33. (New) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid, that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS3; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.

34. (New) A method of making an immunogenic composition comprising:
providing ribavirin;
providing a nucleic acid that encodes a hepatitis C antigen comprising NS4A; and
combining said ribavirin and said nucleic acid to formulate said immunogenic composition.